

corresponding to the operational states, and having edges between the vertices corresponding to the specified transitions.

8. The method of claim 3, including providing an Internet protocol (IP) network as one of the communication systems, coupling the first gateway system to the IP network, and coupling the second gateway system to the IP network.

9. The method of claim 8, including coupling a switched telephone network between the first and the second gateway systems and each of the first and the second end users.

10. The method of claim 7, including eliminating from said testing step operations concerning only the first gateway system and the first end user, and operations concerning only the second gateway system and the second end user. --

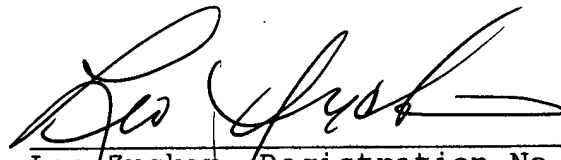
#### REMARKS

The specification has been reviewed, and several formal corrections have been made. Also, original claims 1-2 are now canceled, and new claims 3-10 are presented for examination.

*Information Disclosure Statement*

Attached to this amendment is form PTO/SB/08B on which applicants identify two published articles, both of which are cited in the present specification. Copies of the articles are also provided. Applicants respectfully request that the cited articles be considered and made of record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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